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Assistant Director for Research & Reports

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THRU : Chief Economic Research  
Chief, Materials Division

Report for the Month of November 1956

1. [REDACTED] authority on the Soviet Union, was debriefed by members of the Materials Division.

2. As a result of current developments in the Middle East and in the European Satellites, all Branches have devoted considerable time to the preparation of unscheduled reports, estimates, and requirements in support of ORE, CSS and the IAC Watch Committee.

a. The Food and Agriculture Branch contributed to ORE Project 10.1663, "Capability of the European Satellites to Absorb U.S. Economic Aid."

b. Petroleum shortages resulting from events in the Middle East and Satellites have resulted in numerous crash requests being laid on the Petroleum Branch. In addition, M/P has completed three special studies evaluating the petroleum situation in the Satellites, in Western Europe, and in the USSR. M/P is currently maintaining intelligence on the Free World, where the petroleum industry is of vital concern in the current world crisis.

c. The Solid Fuels Branch made an informal contribution to a crash request on Satellite Trade for 1955.

3. The Nonferrous Metals and Minerals Branch participated in the preparation of a joint CIA/State report for EDAC on the current copper situation in the Sino-Soviet Bloc. The report, approved by EDAC, may be used by the Departments of State and Defense as a basis for discussing with the British the re-embargo of bare copper wire to the Bloc.

4. [REDACTED] entered on duty as Chief of the Solid Fuels Branch on 29 November.

5. [REDACTED] has returned to the Materials Division from temporary assignment to CSS and has been assigned to duty as a member of the Solid Fuels Branch.

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